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ORDERS FOR COVERING SHIPS. ANZAC.

The operations are based upon the principle of secrecy, and it is therefore of the utmost importance that Enemy's suspicions should not be aroused.

The ordinary Ships only will be in their positions,
viz:-

GRAFTON on left flank.
BATTLESNAKE on right flank.
BEAGLE on left flank, but near to GRAFTON.

At ALIKI in Reserve :-

TALBOT, HUMBER, M.31, M.16. COLNE, CHELMER, and BASILISK.

On the Second Night the COLNE and CHELMER have special duties assigned to them, which will be communicated to them by Captain Boyle.

If the Ships in Reserve at ALIKI are called out, the TALBOT and HUMBER will proceed to the right flank of ANZAC, and M.31 and M.16 join the GRAFTON on left flank. GRAFTON'S probable position at night:-

NEIBRUNIESSI POINT,	N 12o W.
HILL 3 05,	S 81o B.
SUNKEN STEAMER "MILO"	S 52o E.

While in ALIKI Ships must be ready to come out at a moment's notice if summoned by Captain Superintending, and must keep a good look out on way across at night for Troop Carriers.

It is not possible to allocate any special targets to ships, but the attached extract from standing agreement with Military will be a good guide to the ships concerned; and considering GRAFTON, TALBOT, HUMBER and the Destroyers have all good local knowledge, no difficulties ought to occur in the event of Naval Guns being required.

The usual lights at CHATHAM'S POST and THE NEK will be shown, and the old light at LITTLE TABLE TOP has been restarted since night of 14th December.

Capt. Sup. Operations.

15th Dec. 15.

EXTRACT FROM AGREEMENT B 3/3 OF 24TH NOVEMBER WITH
MILITARY FOR BAD SQUADRON AND SUPPORT TO THE ARMY ANZAC.

Action, in case of attack by day.

- (a) Immediately after the despatch of the signal "Alert" the General Staff will inform the Cruiser on duty of the direction of attack.
- (b) In the event of attack along the whole line, which will be communicated by the words "General Attack". Available Ships and Destroyers will thereupon take up positions to fire on the following preliminary targets.

Cruiser CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5½ distributed fire.
R.F.Destroyer LEGGE VALLEY and 80 Z 5.
L.F.Destroyer. Communication trenches from Farm 80 F 80 to 92 O.

- (c) In the event of attack on particular localities, the General Staff Anzac, will send the words "Right Flank" "Left Flank", "NEK" "CHUNUK BAIR".
In the case of right flank attack, preliminary objective are allotted as follows:-

Cruiser OLIVE GROVE guns 56 Q 4 and 56 W 1.
R.F.Destroyer TWIN TRENCHES 68 Q 2 and GUN RIDGE 68 W & S
L.F.Destroyer. Over the NEK 80 N 6.
In the case of a left flank attack preliminary objectives are allotted as follows:-

Cruiser CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5 distributed fire.
L.F.Destroyer. Roads leading from BIYNK ANARARTA to KAIAIK AGHALA.
In the event of attack on THE NEK preliminary objectives are allotted as follows:-

Cruiser CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5. distributed fire.
L.F.Destroyer THE NEK.
R.F.Destroyer. LEGGE VALLEY and 80 Z 5.
In the case of attack from CHUNUK BAIR preliminary objectives are allotted as follows:-

Cruiser CHUNUK BAIR 80 K 6 to 93 W 5. distributed fire.
L.F.Destroyer Communication trenches from FARM 80 F 8 to 92 U 5.
R.F.Destroyer. THE NEK.

Action in case of an attack by night.

- (1) Preliminary objectives will be as for day and lights to enable them to be engaged are in position about CHATHAMS POST (68 C 8) and the NEK (80 N 8).

NOTE:-

The allotment of preliminary objectives is not to be taken as restricting Ships initiative. When observation is practicable by Aeroplane or otherwise. Ships will engage the best target located.

ORDERS FOR TROOPS CARRIERS. ANZAC.

Decides H.M.S. "MARS" the following will be employed:-

ABASSIAH	)	In each of these a Naval Officer will be
EL KAMIRA	)	embarked to assist Captain and who will
PRINCE ABBAS	)	be responsible that ship is in right position
ERMINE	)	( and see that Troops get out of Lighters with
BRINDESS	)	utmost despatch and that there is no delay
CARRON	)	in Lighters shoving off.
HASEL)	
Heroic)	
	)	Captain to call off a responsible officer
	)	to see that Troops get out of Lighters with
	)	utmost despatch and that there is no delay
	)	in Lighters shoring off.

The Troop Carriers will proceed to Mudros as soon as they have got the numbers on board allotted to them reckoning by the number of Motor Lighters discharged to them. Motor lighters will carry 400 Troops each trip and will discharge completely into the ships they go alongside except in the cases mentioned in notes in the table for First Night.

On both nights Lighters will not go to ERMINE until MARS is full.

The Piers at ANZAC are in the positions marked in plan, and red and green lights will be shown at the end of the pier, (wide plan) this will also facilitate Troop Carriers in picking up their anchoring berths,

The anchoring berths to be taken up by Troop Carriers will be shown in Plan. The Mars owing to her draught will have a special berth to W.N.W. 9 cables from ARI.BURNU.

For North Beach.

No 1. 8 cables North West of ARI BURNU.

No 2. 2 cables North of N.1. Berth.

For South Beach.

S.1. 8 cables W.N.W. of ARI BURNU.

S.2. 2 Cables South of S.1. berth.

In the following tables against each Ship is shown the berth she is to anchor in on arrival.

If a Ship arriving at her berth finds that the Ship there before her has not left (which is hoped will never be the case) she is to anchor as near as possible to her berth,

The anchors are to be loosed down and only sufficient cable out to keep the Ship in position and everything ready for getting under weigh at a moments notice.

continued.

On proceeding, the Troop Carriers will inform Superintending Captain by W/T (very low power) of their departure, simply making:-

"HOT BUCKLE)" call sign "V" own call sign "1919" "code time".

Signalling by lamps strictly prohibited. Ships to be darkened and no smoking till at least 6 miles from Peninsula, and absolute silence to be maintained.

It is of the utmost importance for Troop Carriers to embark their troops rapidly, and proceed to destination immediately they are full. This specially applies to the last relay on the First Night. All crafts should be out of sight by daylight, so that daytime normal appearance will be resumed. N.L.O. arranging for usual small supply craft and Tugs being in their places, and same Motor Lighters can lie alongside them and rest at the pier or alongside "MILO".

All concerned are to bear in mind the extreme necessity in keeping the operations unobserved by enemy, and if the orders are rigidly adhered to, the movements of the Ships will only have the Appearance of ordinary reliefs at night.

On Second Night.

COLNE will embark Beach Parties as soon as last Party of Troops has left the shore, or at a time ordered by Superintending Captain, N.T.O. providing Boats to take them to COLNE.

CHELMER will embark any stragglers off ASMAK DERE and will also take charge of the boats from there at daybreak, escorting them to safe distance from gun fire off the shore. (Detailed orders will be given to COLNE and CHELMER).

On completing their work on Second Night, all Motor Lighters will proceed to KEPHALO, making the best of their way to start with till picked up by trawlers, etc.

FIRST NIGHT.

TABLE 1.

To Anchor by 7.0 p.m.

Berth	Ship.	Capacity.	to take.
North Beach	MARS (MARS	2,000	2,000)
	N.2 (ERMINE	1,000	800)
			2,800)
South Beach	S.1. (ABBASIAR	1,500	1,200)
	Berth marked (	5 Trawlers.	1,250
	"Trawlers" (		700)
	1st night (		1,900)
			4,500.

To Anchor by 10.0 p.m.

North Beach	N.1. (CARRON	1,000	1,000	2,000
	N.2 (HAZEL	1,000	1,000	
South Beach	S.1. (EL KAMINA	1,500	1,200)	1,200.
				3,200

N.B. The First K. Lighter to leave N. Beach is on her second trip to put 200 into each Troop Carrier CARRON and HAZEL.

To Anchor by 1.0 a.m.

North Beach	N.1. (PRINCE ABBAS	1,500.	1,600)	1,800.
South Beach	S.1. (HERIQC	1,900	800)	
	S.2 (REINDEER	500	400)	1,200. 2,800.

20,808.

NOTE. Troop Carriers to sail as soon as they have on board the number of troops allotted to them, but not before; - Remembering 400 come off in each Motor Lighter.

SECOND NIGHT.

TABLE 11.

To Anchor by 7.0 p.m.

	<u>Berth</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>	<u>to take.</u>	
North Beach	MARS	(MARS	2,000	2,000)	} 4,000
	N.2	(ERMINE	1,000	800)	
South Beach	S.1	ABBASIAR	1,500	1,200)	1,200)

To Anchor by 10.0 p.m.

North Beach	N.1	(CARRON	1,000	1,000)	} 4,000
	N.2	(HAZEL	1,000	1,000)	
South Beach	S.1	(EL KAMIRA	1,500	1,600)	} 2,000)
	S.2	(REINDEER	500	400)	

N.B. The First K Lighter to leave N. Beach is on her second trip to put 200 into each Troop Carrier CARRON and HAZEL.

To Anchor by 1.0 a.m.

North Beach	N.1	(PRINCE ABBAS	1,500	1,200)	} 2,000)
	N.2	(HERGIC	1,000	800)	
South Beach		NIL.			

Trawlers and Steamboats for Flanking Parties.

Off ASMEK DERE { 3 Trawlers } To arrive off ASMEK DERE at
 { 4 Steamboats } midnight approaching shore
 { 8 cutters } as if proceeding to sunken "MILO
 and when close to Troop Carriers
 at anchor to turn to the North-
 ward

240 men to be brought off together, the small Beach Party there coming with them.

BRIGHTON BEACH. { 2 Trawlers } Trawlers to stop and lay off
 { 2 Steamboats } 1½ miles west of ARE BURNU.
 { 4 cutters } Boats then to approach shore as
 if proceeding to sunken "MILO"
 and when close to the Troop
 Carriers to turn to the Southward

120 Men to be brought off together the small Beach Party there coming with them.

TABLE 11 continued.

The position of embarkation at ASMEK DERE and BRIGHTON BEACH will be marked by targets with lights to form of a triangle.

The Boats off ASMEK DERE will proceed to Torpedo Boat Destroyer "CHELMER" (which will be laying to seaward of the Trawlers for troops after embarking their troops except the Picket Boat and two cutters which will lay off shore till just before daybreak to stragglers and then join CHELMER who will escort them out of range of gun fire.

NOTE

Care to be taken by Ships occupying 52 berth that they do not anchor to the Southward of their berth.

AZMAK DERE

MAGNETIC NORTH

N2 O

N1 O

MARS O

S1 O

S2 O

TRAWLERS (1st NIGHT)

Red Lt NORTH BEACH
Green Lt PIERS
Red Lt

ARI BURNU

ANZAC Red Lt SOUTH BEACH
COVE PIER

BRIGHTON BEACH

0 500 1000 yds

PLAN SHOWING BERTHS FOR TROOP CARRIERS

Portion of 20,000 Map of Gallipoli

Details in connection with final stége arranges at
Conferences between B.G.G.S. and Superintending Capt.,R.N.

1. 2 ladders in each trawler to put into cutters when they come alongside.
2. Every troop carrier to have at least 2 accomodation ladders one each side of ship.
3. Each Battleship carrying troops to have at least 4 ladders to unload 4.K.lighters at one time.
4. 2 Battleships arrive and anchor by 7 p.m. and take
4000 } 1 Off N Beach.
 } 1 between N 15 Beach.
5. Troop vessels anchored by 11.0 p.m.
to take 3200 } N.Beach 2000
 } S.Beach 1200.
6. Troop vessels anchored by 2.0 a.m.
to take 3200 } N Beach 2000
 } S Beach 1200.
7. 5 Trawlers anchored by 10 p.m. but not before
6'0 p.m. between N & S beaches.
 700.

Total 11,100.

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